

## STATE OF MICHIGAN RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANSING

January 31, 2018

## SECOND CHALLENGE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED FOR INITIATIVE PETITION SPONSORED BY PROTECTING MICHIGAN TAXPAYERS

An initiative petition proposing to repeal the Prevailing Wage Act, 1965 PA 166, was filed with the Secretary of State on November 3, 2017 by Protecting Michigan Taxpayers. Copies of the signatures for the <u>original</u> sample of 535 signatures were made available for release to the public on December 6, 2017, and a challenge was timely filed on December 20, 2017 by Protect MI Jobs.

The staff's review of the original random sample is complete. Based on this examination, the original sample was found to contain an insufficient number of valid signatures, either to certify or to deny certification of the petition. Under the random sampling procedure established by the Board of State Canvassers, the result of the <u>original</u> random sample requires that a larger, <u>second</u> sample of over 3,900 signatures be obtained to determine whether or not the petition qualifies for certification.

Please be advised that copies of the <u>second</u> random sample are now available to the public for purchase. The deadline for challenging signatures included in the second sample will elapse at 5:00 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> business day after its release. **Therefore, the deadline to submit challenges to signatures contained within the <u>second</u> random sample will elapse at 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 2018.** 

Please contact the Bureau of Elections at (517) 373-2540 or <u>elections@michigan.gov</u> if you wish to purchase a copy of the <u>second</u> random sample.